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Garment workers protests

Protests over the last week in Savar, Gazipur, and Uttara show that garment workers are unsatisfied with the 'discriminatory' wage board declared last year, shortly before the elections. Where workers demanded Tk 16,000 as minimum wage, they received only half that—Tk 8,000. Their demands deserve to be heard and their protests held, without police brutality and factory management retaliation. That said, the protestors should not resort to torching vehicles as a form of protest.

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Grades aren't everything

Grades and CGPA are the most common questions youngsters are hammered with, or with which they themselves are grappling. Our world is becoming a tough and competitive place to survive, even people with degrees are jobless. So, it's understandable that parents want their children to attain the highest educational achievements. Grades and CGPA do matter for specific high-profile jobs, but it's not the end of the world, there are so many ways people can make a living. But young people with low grades tend to feel hopeless, have low morale, and frustration sets

in when they frequently get compared with others. The strive to be the best, peer pressure, and expectations from parents and relatives, mean that students are so obsessed with grades that we forget everything else. We end up only working with the aim of higher grades and earning more money, which is not necessarily bad, but our lives should be better balanced.

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